

### REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement as follows: Invention I (claims 1-19) drawn to methods of processing composite components, and Invention II (claims 20-26) drawn to assemblies for processing composite components. Applicants hereby elect the claims associated with Invention I (claims 1-19) for prosecution at this time. Claims 20-26 are withdrawn from consideration, without prejudice to the possibility of reinstatement during the prosecution of the subject application, and without prejudice to the filing of subsequent continuation or divisional applications.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-19 are now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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